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(I) the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that the customer actually makes the payment to the Telephone Company, or

(II) 0.00024657 per day, for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that the customer actually makes the payment to the Telephone Company.

(c) Billing Disputes

(1) A good faith dispute requires the customer to provide a written claim to the Telephone Company. Instructions for submitting a dispute can be obtained by calling the billing inquiry number shown on the customer's bill, or, by accessing the Telephone Company website also shown on the customer's bill. Such claim must identify in detail the basis for the dispute, and if the customer withholds disputed amounts, it must identify the account number under which the bill has been rendered, the date of the bill, and the specific items on the bill being disputed to permit the Telephone Company to investigate the merits of the dispute.

(2) The date of the dispute shall be the date on which the customer furnishes the Telephone Company the account information required by Section 2.4.1(B)(3)(c)(1) above.

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- (3) The date of resolution is the date the Telephone Company completes the investigation and credits the customer's account.
- (4) In the event that a billing dispute concerning any charges billed to the customer by the Telephone Company is resolved in favor of the Telephone Company, any payments withheld pending settlement of the dispute shall be subject to the late payment penalty set forth in (b) preceding.

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(5) If the customer pays the bill in full by the payment due date, and later initiates a billing dispute within ninety days of the payment due date, penalty interest may be applicable.

a) If the billing dispute is resolved in favor of the customer, the customer shall receive a credit from the Telephone Company. This credit will be an amount equal to the disputed amount resolved in the customer's favor times a penalty factor. The penalty factor will apply from the date of the customer's payment through the date on which the credit for the disputed amount is posted to the customer's account. The penalty factor shall be the lesser of:

(I) The highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved, or

(II) 0.00024657 per day, for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved.

b) If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Telephone Company, neither a late payment charge nor a penalty interest charge is applicable.

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(6) If the customer pays the bill in full by the payment due date, and later initiates a billing dispute after ninety days of the payment due date, penalty interest may be applicable.

(a) If the billing dispute is resolved in favor of the customer, the customer shall receive a credit from the Telephone Company. This credit will be an amount equal to the disputed amount times the penalty factor. The penalty factor will apply from the date of the dispute through the date on which the credit is posted to the customer's account. The penalty factor shall be the lesser of:

(I) the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date or the period involved or

(II) 0.00024657 per day, for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved.

(b) If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Telephone Company, neither a late payment charge nor a penalty interest charge is applicable.

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- (C) Adjustments for the quantities of services established or discontinued in any billing period beyond the minimum period set forth for services in other sections of this tariff will be prorated to the number of days or major fraction of days based on a 30 day month. The Telephone Company will, upon request and if available, furnish such detailed information as may reasonably be required for verification of any bill.
- (D) When a rate as set forth in this tariff is shown to more than two decimal places, the charges will be determined using the rate shown. The resulting amount will then be rounded to the nearest penny (i.e., rounded to two decimal places).
- (E) When more than one copy of a customer bill for services provided under the provisions of this tariff is furnished to the customer, an additional charge applies for each additional copy of the bill as set forth in 13.3.7 following.

2.4.2 Minimum Periods

The minimum periods for which services are provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is one month except for those services set forth in 5.2.5(B), 7.2.5(E), (F) and (G), 7.2.11(D), 7.2.13(C), 7.2.14(C), 7.2.15(C), 7.4.13, 7.4.16, 7.4.17, 7.5.4, 7.5.5, 8.2(C)(1), 8.3(C)(1), 9.4(A) and 13.3.5(C)(1)(b),(c) and (d), 16.5, 16.6, 16.7, 25.1.10, and 25.3.8 following.

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The minimum period for which service is provided and for which rates and charges are applicable for a Specialized Service or Arrangement provided on an individual case basis as set forth in 12. following, is one month unless a different minimum period is established with the individual case filing.

As specified in Section 5.2.6 following, when a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable whether the service is used or not, as follows:

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2.4.2 Minimum Periods (Cont'd)

- (A) When a service with a one month minimum period is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, a one month charge will apply at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued.
- (B) When a service with a minimum period greater than one month is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, the applicable charge will be the lesser of (1) the Telephone Company's total nonrecoverable costs less the net salvage value for the discontinued service or (2) the total monthly charges, at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued, for the remainder of the minimum period.

2.4.3 Cancellation of an Order for Service

Provisions for the cancellation of an order for service are set forth in other applicable sections of this tariff.

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2.4.5 Re-establishment of Service Following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence

(A) Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply

Charges do not apply for the re-establishment of service following a fire, flood or other occurrence attributed to an Act of God provided that:

- (1) The service is of the same type as was provided prior to the fire, flood or other occurrence.
- (2) The service is for the same customer.

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2.4.5 Re-establishment of Service Following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence (Cont'd)

(A) Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply (Cont'd)

Charges do not apply for the re-establishment of service following a fire, flood or other occurrence attributed to an Act of God provided that: (Cont'd)

(3) The service is at the same location on the same premises.

(4) The re-establishment of service begins within 60 days after Telephone Company service is available. (The 60 day period may be extended a reasonable period if the renovation of the original location on the premises affected is not practical within the allotted time period).

(B) Nonrecurring Charges Apply

Nonrecurring Charges apply for establishing service at a different location on the same premises or at a different premises pending re-establishment of service at the original location.

2.4.6 Title or Ownership Rights

(A) The payment of rates and charges by customers for the services offered under the provisions of this tariff does not assign, confer or transfer title or ownership rights to proposals or facilities developed or utilized, respectively, by the Telephone Company in the provision of such services.

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2.4.7 Ordering, Rating and Billing of Access Services Where More Than One Exchange Telephone Company is Involved

The Telephone Companies will handle ordering, rating and billing of Access Services under this tariff where more than one Exchange Telephone Company is involved in the provision of Access Service as set forth following. The Telephone Company will notify the customer what option will apply when the customer orders Access Service. The option will be based on the inter-connection arrangements between the Exchange Telephone Companies involved and the services ordered.

The Single and Multiple Bill Arrangements following are subject to the provisions of the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access billing Guidelines (MECAB) and the Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design Guidelines (MECOD) documents as referenced in the Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket No. 86-104, adopted July 20, 1987 and released July 31, 1987.

Effective March 31, 1990 the Single and Multiple bill arrangements following are available in conjunction with FGB services in compliance with the Commission's October 5, 1989 Order.

The Telephone Company must notify the customer of: (1) the Meet Point Billing Option that will be used, (2) the Telephone Company(s) that will render the bill(s), (3) the Telephone Company(s) to whom payment(s) should be remitted, and (4) the Telephone Company(s) that will provide the bill inquiry function. The Telephone Company shall provide this notice in writing 30 days in advance of any changes.

- (A) When an Access Service is ordered by a customer where one end of the Switched Transport element is in one Exchange Telephone Company operating territory and the other end is in another Exchange Telephone Company operating territory, the Exchange Telephone Company in whose territory the first point of switching is located will accept the order for Lineside BSA, Trunkside BSA - 950 Option, Feature Group A and B Switched Access Services ordered in lines or trunks. The Exchange Telephone Company that accepts the order will then determine the charges involved, arrange to provide the Access Service ordered and bill the charges in accordance with its Access Service tariff.

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After July 1, 1990, option A will only be available for FGA Service. Prior to July 1, 1990, Option A is available with both FGA and FGB Services. Effective April 1, 1990, the Single and Multiple Bill Arrangements following are also available with Trunkside BSA - 950 Option and FGB Services. The Single and Multiple Bill Arrangements may be used to bill Trunkside BSA - 950 Option and FGB Services only with the agreement of all involved Exchange Telephone Companies. When an Common Channel Signaling Access Service is provided, the Telephone Company in whose territory the STP is located will accept the order for service, determine any applicable charges involved, arrange to provide the service ordered, and bill any applicable charges in accordance with its Access Service tariff.

When Billing Validation Service is provided, the Telephone Company in whose territory the LIDB Service Control Point (SCP) is located will accept the order for service, determine any applicable charges involved, arrange to provide the service ordered, and bill any applicable charges in accordance with its Access Service tariff.

For Verizon Dedicated SONET Ring Service that is provided between points within the New York/New Jersey corridor, preplanned port rates and charges associated with the customer service management option will apply as follows. When the primary circuit's end point is in one Exchange Telephone Company's operating territory and its associated preplanned (backup) location is in another Exchange Telephone Company's operating territory, the Exchange Telephone Company in whose operating territory the primary circuit's end point is located will bill for the preplanned port. The customer service management option is described in Section 7.2.17(A)(8) following

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(B) Single Bill Arrangement for Services other than FGA and Lineside

(1) General - With the agreement of the Exchange Telephone Companies involved, a single bill will be rendered for non-Lineside BSA and non-FGA services.

(2) Ordering - The company that accepts the order from the customer will be determined as follows:

(a) Directory Assistance - The company where the end office is located shall accept the order. (D)

(b) Trunkside BSA - 950 Option, Trunkside BSA-101XXXX Option, FGB or FGD ordered to an end office

- The company where the end office is located shall accept the order.

(c) Dedicated Network Access Link BSA

- The Company where the end office is located shall accept the order.

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2.4.7 Ordering, Rating and Billing of Access Services Where More Than One Exchange Telephone Company is Involved (Cont'd)

(B) Single Bill Arrangement for Service other than FGA and Lineside BSA (Cont'd)

(2) Ordering - The company that accepts the order from the customer will be determined as follows:  
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- (d) Trunkside BSA - 950 Option, Trunkside BSA-101XXXX Option, FGB or FGD ordered to an Access Tandem - The company where the Access Tandem is located will accept the order.
- (e) WATS Access Line Service - When the WATS serving office and the end user end office are located in different Exchange Telephone Company operating territories, the company where the end office is located shall accept the order.
- (f) Special Access Service without Hub - Either company may accept the order.
- (g) Special Access Service with Hub - The company where the Hub is located shall accept the order.
- (h) Common Channel Signaling Access Service - The company where the STP is located shall accept the order.
- (i) Billing Validation Service - The company where the LIDB Service Control Point (SCP) is located shall accept the order.

The other company(ies) involved shall also receive a copy of the order from the customer.

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(B) Single Bill Arrangement for Services other than FGA and Lineside BSA (Cont'd)

(3) Rating and Billing of Service - With the agreement of the Exchange Telephone Companies involved, one of the following rating and billing options will be utilized:

(a) Single Bill Single Tariff Billing - The billing Company will bill and collect all appropriate charges from the customer in accordance with the regulations, rates and charges in its Access Service tariff. The non-billing Company will bill and collect the appropriate portion of charges from the billing Company in accordance with the regulations, rates and charges in the non-billing Company's Access Service tariff. The apportionment of charges shall be consistent with 2.4.7(C)(3) following.

(b) Single Bill Multiple Tariff Billing - The billing Company will bill all appropriate charges to the customer in accordance with the regulations, rates and charges in the Access Service tariffs of all involved Exchange Carriers. Based upon the agreements of the Exchange Telephone Companies involved, payment will either be remitted in full to the billing company or in appropriate portions directly to the Exchange Carriers involved. The apportionment of charges shall be consistent with 2.4.7 (C)(3) following.

(c) Single Bill Multiple Tariff Pass-Through Billing - Same as (b) above.

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(C) Multiple Bill Arrangement for Services other than FGA and Lineside BSA

- (1) General - Separate bills will be rendered by the Exchange Telephone Companies for Access Service other than Lineside BSA or FGA if the administration of a single bill arrangement, as set forth in Sec. 2.4.7 B, is not utilized by the companies involved.
- (2) Ordering - Each company will accept an order for service from the customer.
- (3) Rating and Billing of Service - Each company will provide its portion of the Access Service based on the regulations, rates and charges contained in its Access Service tariff, subject to the following rules, as appropriate:
  - (a) The charges billed by this company for mileage sensitive rate elements, e.g., Dedicated Network Access link (fixed and per mile), Switched Transport (fixed and per mile), Special Access Service Channel Mileage (fixed and per mile), or Directory Assistance Transport, are determined as follows:
    - (i) The total mileage for the service is computed using the V&H Coordinate Method set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 (NECA No. 4).
    - (ii) A billing factor called the Border Interconnection Percentage (BIP) is determined from NECA No. 4 directly.
    - (iii) This company's rates and charges are then multiplied by the appropriate quantity(ies) and the billing factor to obtain the charges for this company.

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(C) Multiple Bill Arrangement for Services other than  
Lineside BSA or FGA (Cont'd)

(3) Rating and Billing of Service (Cont'd)

(b) The application of nondistance sensitive rate elements varies according to the rate structure and the location of the facilities involved:

- (i) When rates and charges are listed on a per point of termination basis, this company's rates will be billed for the termination(s) within this company's operating territory.
- (ii) When rates and charges are listed on a per unit basis, e.g., central office bridging or multiplexing, this company's rates and charges will apply for units located in this company's operating territory.
- (iii) When rates and charges are developed on an individual case basis, such rates will be developed for the portion of the service provided by this company.
- (iv) When rates and charges are listed on a per service basis, these rates and charges will be billed.
- (v) When rates and charges are listed on a per line or trunk installed basis, this company's rates will be billed based on the number of lines or trunks specified by the customer on its order for access service placed with this company.
- (vi) When this company is an intermediate, non-terminating carrier in a given arrangement, channel mileage fixed charges will not apply.

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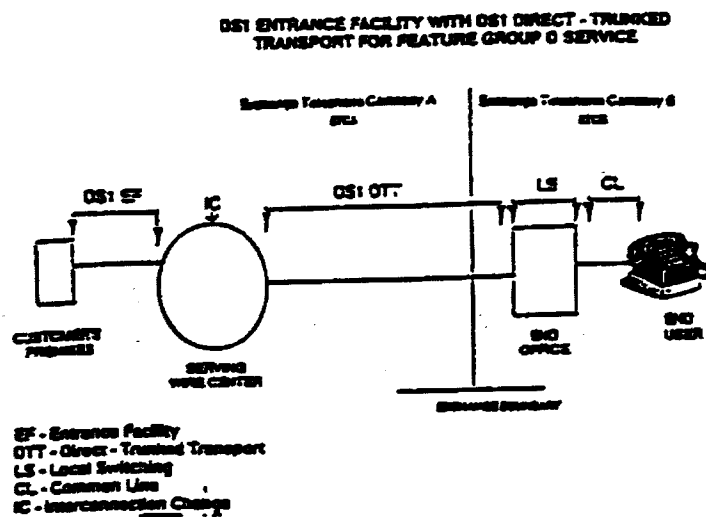
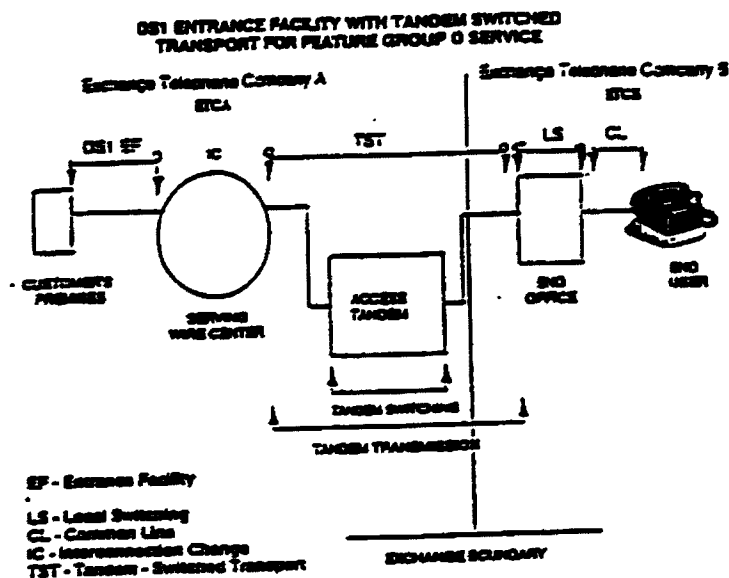
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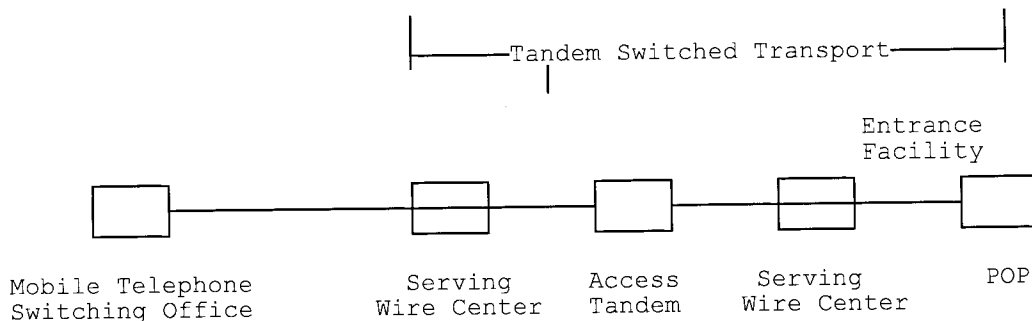
When Switched Access Service is ordered by a customer in conjunction with a CEC or RCC, the Telephone Company will provide its portion of the Switched Access Service based on the regulations, rates and charges contained in its Access Service tariff, subject to the following rules.

- (A) If the Telephone Company provides Switched Transport and provides end office local switching functions, the customer will be assessed all applicable Switched Access charges. Carrier Common Line charges will not be assessed.

If the Telephone Company provides Switched Transport and does not provide end office local switching functions, the Telephone Company will assess Switched Transport charges as set forth in Section 6.9.1. Local Switching and Carrier Common Line charges will not be assessed by the Telephone Company.

- (B) The mileage to be used to determine the Switched Transport charge is calculated as set forth in Section 6.8.13(I).

- (C) Example



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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.5 Connections

2.5.1 General

Equipment and Systems (i.e., terminal equipment, multiline terminating systems and communications systems) may be connected with Switched and Special Access furnished by the Telephone Company where such connection is made in accordance with the provisions specified in Technical Reference PUB AS No. 1, Issue II, and 2.1 preceding.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)  
2.6 Definitions

Certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

Access Code

The term "Access Code" denotes a uniform seven digit code assigned by the Telephone Company to an individual customer. The seven digit code, has the form 101XXXX or 950-XXXX.

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Access Customer Name Abbreviation (ACNA)

The term "Access Customer Name Abbreviation" or "ACNA" denotes a term generally understood in the telecommunications industry to be the name abbreviation for a purchaser of Access Services.

Access Minutes

The term "Access Minutes" denotes that usage of exchange facilities in interstate or foreign service for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage. On the originating end of an interstate or foreign call, usage is measured from the time the originating end user's call is delivered by the Telephone Company to and acknowledged as received by the customer's facilities connected with the originating exchange. On the terminating end of an interstate or foreign call, usage is measured from the time the call is received by the end user in the terminating exchange. Timing of usage at both originating and terminating ends of an interstate or foreign call shall terminate when the calling or called party disconnects, whichever event is recognized first in the originating and terminating end exchanges, as applicable.

Access Tandem

The term "Access Tandem" denotes a Telephone Company switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between end offices and customer's premises.

Aggregator

Denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation as defined under Part 64.708(b) of the F.C.C. Rules and Regulations.

Affiliate

The term "Affiliate" denotes a Customer that, through one or more intermediaries, is controlled by or is under common control with another customer.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Answer/Disconnect Supervision

The term "Answer/Disconnect Supervision" denotes the transmission of the switch trunk equipment supervisory signal (off-hook or on-hook) to the customer's point of termination as an indication that the called party has answered or disconnected.

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Attenuation Distortion

The term "Attenuation Distortion" denotes the difference in loss at specified frequencies relative to the loss at 1004 Hz, unless otherwise specified.

Balance (100 Type) Test Line

The term "Balance (100 Type) Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides for balance and noise testing.

Bit

The term "Bit" denotes the smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

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Business Day

The term "Business Day" denotes the times of day that a company is open for business. Generally, in the business community, these are 8:00 or 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 or 6:00 P.M., respectively, with an hour for lunch, Monday through Friday, resulting in a standard forty (40) hour work week. However, Business Day hours for the Telephone Company may vary based on company policy, union contract and location. To determine such hours for an individual company, or company location, that company should be contacted at the address shown on the Check Sheet.

Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)

The term "Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)" denotes the customer specified maximum amount of Switched Access Service and/or Directory Assistance Service access minutes the customer expects to be handled in an end office switch during any hour in an 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. period for the Feature Group and/or Directory Assistance Service ordered.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Cable Space

The term "Cable Space" denotes any passage or opening in, on, under/over or through the central office cable support structure required to bring fiber optic riser cable from the manhole or other designated location to the collocated interconnection space, as well as the space between the collocated interconnection space, and the Telephone Company Point of Termination, and any other space required to bring other communications cable from one collocated interconnection space to another collocated interconnection space of the same Collocator.

Cable Support Structure

The system of riser ducts, cable racking and other such facilities of the Telephone Company that are used to contain and support Collocated Interconnection cable within central offices and between central offices and the manhole or other designated location pursuant to Section 19.

Call

The term "Call" denotes a customer attempt for which the complete address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the serving dial tone office.

Carrier or Common Carrier

See Interexchange Carrier.

Carrier Identification Code (CIC)

The term "Carrier Identification Code" (CIC) denotes a unique four digit access identification code that is assigned by Bellcore for use with Feature Group B or D Switched Access Service. The CIC identifies the caller's long distance carrier.

CCS

The term "CCS" denotes a hundred call seconds, which is a standard unit of traffic load that is equal to 100 seconds of usage or capacity of a group of servers (e.g, trunks).

Cellular Exchange Carrier (CEC)

The term "Cellular Exchange Carrier" defines a Common Carrier authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to provide Cellular Mobile Radio Telecommunications Services.

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## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Central Office

The term "Central Office" denotes a local Telephone Company switching system, where Telephone Exchange Service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks. In the case of a Remote Switching Module (RSM), the term Central Office designates the combination of the Remote Switching Unit and its Host.

Central Office Prefix

The term "Central Office Prefix" denotes the first three digits (NXX) of the seven digit telephone number assigned to a customer's Telephone Exchange Service when dialed on local basis.

Centralized Automatic Reporting on Trunks Testing

The term "Centralized Automatic Reporting on Trunks Testing" denotes a type of testing which includes the capacity for measuring operational and transmission parameters.

Channel(s)

The term "Channel(s)" denotes an electrical or photonic, in the case of fiber optic-based transmission systems, communications path between two or more points of termination.

Channelize

The term "Channelize" denotes the process of multiplexing-demultiplexing wider bandwidth or higher speed channels into narrower bandwidth or lower speed channels.

Circuit Code

The term "Circuit Code" indicates the specific Interexchange Carrier trunk group that is required to carry the call for SS7 Signalling. It equates to the OZZ Code with MF Signalling and is contained in the TNS parameter.

C-Message Noise

The term "C-Message Noise" denotes the frequency weighted average noise within an idle voice channel. The frequency weighting, called C-message, is used to simulate the frequency characteristic of the 500-type telephone set and the hearing of the average subscriber.

C-Notched Noise

The term "C-Notched Noise" denotes the C-message frequency weighted noise on a voice channel with a holding tone, which is removed at the measuring and through a notch (very narrow band) filter.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Coin Station

The term "Coin Station" denotes a location where Telephone Company equipment is provided in a public or semipublic place where Telephone Company customers can originate telephonic communications and pay the applicable charges by inserting coins into the equipment.

Collocated Interconnection Design and Construction Work

The term "Collocated Interconnection Design and Construction Work" under Collocated Interconnection denotes all work by Telephone Company, including but not limited to, space design and preparation, the rearrangement of existing facilities, design and construction of collocated interconnection space enclosure, design and placement of required cable support structure or any other activity required to accommodate the installation of Collocator's facilities in the Telephone Company space(s). Similar work required or requested by Collocator after initial installation solely because of the existence of the Collocator's facilities shall be referred to as "Additional Design and Construction", and shall be at Collocator's expense.

Collocated Interconnection Space

The term "Collocated Interconnection Space" denotes suitable space intended for occupancy by Collocated Interconnection equipment required for telecommunications operations and the work area required to maintain that equipment. All suitable space shall be partitioned and measured as defined in Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA) standards as "rentable area."

Collocator

The term "Collocator" denotes a customer who subscribes to Collocated Interconnection and who brings fiber optic and/or microwave facilities to Telephone Company-designated locations for connection to Collocated Interconnection equipment as specified in the following Regulations, under physical or virtual interconnection arrangements. All such services and facilities used for Collocated Interconnection will be for the carriage of interstate non-switched traffic.

Collocator's Facilities

The term "Collocator's Facilities" denotes the telecommunications cable and equipment owned/leased and installed by the Collocator for the sole use of the Collocator in connection with equipment installed within its Collocated Interconnection Space.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)  
2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Common Line

The term "Common Line" denotes a line, trunk, pay telephone line or other facility provided under the local general services tariffs of the Telephone Company, terminated on a central office switch. A common line-residence is a line or trunk provided under the residence regulations of the local general services tariffs. A common line-business is a line provided under the business regulations of the local general services tariffs.

Communications System

The term "Communications System" denotes channels and other facilities which are capable of communications between terminal equipment provided by other than the Telephone Company.

Competitive County

The term "Competitive County" denotes the geographic unit of a county or county-equivalent that passes or has passed a competitive market test specified by the FCC. Competitive County also denotes a county or county-equivalent that failed a competitive market test specified by the FCC, but was granted Phase II, Level 2 pricing flexibility prior to June 1, 2017.

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Connecting Facility Assignment

The term "Connecting Facility Assignment or (CFA)" denotes the identification of a channel or circuit to be used from a high capacity facility.

Conventional Signaling

The inter-machine signaling system which has been traditionally used in North America for the purpose of transmitting the called number's address digits from the originating end office to the switching machine which will terminate the call. In this system, all of the dialed digits are received by the originating switching machine, a path is selected, and the sequence of supervisory signals and outpulsed digits is initiated. No overlap outpulsing, ten-digit ANI, ANI information digits, or acknowledgement wink are included in this signaling sequence.

Corridor Service

The term "Corridor Service" applies to the exceptions to the MFJ Decree that allow the Telephone Company to provide interstate interLATA services in certain designated areas.

Customer(s)

The term "Customer(s)" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity or other entity which subscribes to the services or other arrangements offered under this tariff, including both Interexchange Carriers (ICs) and End users.

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Data Transmission (107 Type) Test Line

The term "Data Transmission (107 Type) Test Line" denotes an arrangement which provides for a connection to a signal source which provides test signals for one-way testing of data and voice transmission parameters.

Decibel

The term "Decibel" denotes a unit used to express relative difference in power, usually between acoustic or electric signals, equal to ten (10) times the common logarithm of the ratio of two signal powers.

Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting

The term "Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting" denotes noise power measurements with C-Message Weighting in decibels relative to a reference 1000 Hz tone of 90 dB below 1 milliwatt.

Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Referenced to 0

The term "Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Referenced to 0" denotes noise power in "Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting" referred to or measured at a zero transmission level point.

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Digital Cross-Connect System (DCS)

The term "Digital Cross-Connect system" or "DCS" denotes an electronic switching node that enables circuits to be cross-connected.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Direct-Trunked Transport Facility

Denotes a Switched Transport facility between a Telephone Company serving wire center and an end office or between a Telephone Company Serving Wire Center and an access tandem that provides a customer with dedicated transport.

Directory Assistance (Interstate)

The term "Directory Assistance" denotes the provision of telephone numbers by a Telephone Company operator when the operator location is accessed by a customer by dialing 1 + NPA + 555-1212, or 411 or 555-1212, whichever is available.

Directory Assistance Location (Interstate)

The term "Directory Assistance Location" denotes a Telephone Company office where Telephone Company equipment first receives the Directory Assistance call from a customer's end user and selects the first operation position to respond to the Directory Assistance call.

Directory Number

Denotes a unique NPA-NXX-XXXX code assigned to a subscriber of a local service provider.

Donor Switch

Denotes the original switch source of an NXX that has been designated as portable and from which a subscriber has moved its service, while retaining its Directory Number, to a different service provider.

Dual Tone Multifrequency Address Signaling

The term "Dual Tone Multifrequency Address Signaling" denotes a type of signaling that is an optional feature of Switched Access Feature Group A. It may be utilized when Feature Group A is being used in the terminating direction (from the point of termination with the customer to the local exchange end office). An office arranged for Dual Tone Multifrequency Signaling would expect to receive address signals from the customer in the form of Dual Tone Multifrequency signals.

Echo Control

The term "Echo Control" denotes the control of reflected signals in a telephone transmission path.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Echo Path Loss

The term "Echo Path Loss" denotes the measure of reflected signal at a 4-wire point of termination without regard to the send and receive Transmission Level Point.

Echo Return Loss

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The term "Echo Return Loss" denotes a frequency weighted measure of return loss over the middle of the voiceband (approximately 500 to 2500 Hz), where talker echo is most annoying.

Effective 2-Wire

The term "Effective 2-Wire" denotes a condition which permits the simultaneous transmission in both directions over a channel, but it is not possible to insure independent information transmission in both directions. Effective 2-wire channels may be terminated with 2-wire or 4-wire interfaces.

Effective 4-Wire

The term "Effective 4-Wire" denotes a condition which permits the simultaneous independent transmission of information in both directions over a channel. The method of implementing effective 4-wire transmission is at the discretion of the Telephone Company (physical, time domain, frequency-domain separation or echo cancellation techniques). Effective 4-wire channels may be terminated with a 2-wire interface at the customer's premises. However, when terminated 2-wire, simultaneous independent transmission cannot be supported because the 2-wire interface combines the transmission paths into a single path.

End Office Switch

The term "End Office Switch" denotes a local Telephone Company switching system, where Telephone Exchange Service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to trunks. In the case of a Remote Switching Module, the term End Office Switch designates the combination of the Remote Switching Module and its Host.

End User

The term "End User" denotes any customer of an interstate or foreign telecommunications service that is not a carrier, except that a carrier other than a telephone company shall be deemed to be an "end user" when such carrier uses a telecommunications service for administrative purposes and a person or entity that offers telecommunications services exclusively as a reseller shall be deemed to be an "end user" if all resale transmission offered by such reseller originate on the premises of such reseller.

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